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ELECTRIC WIRE

Causes Sudden Death of a Painter at Catlettsburg.

James Malcolm, a painter engaged in painting the Ohio Valley Electric Railway bridge across Big Sandy river came in contact with a high tension wire carrying 12,000 volts, and was hurled to the water 96 feet below, never knowing what hurt him.

Malcolm and five other men were at work on the last span on the West Virginia side of the river. They were on the highest portion of the frame work of the bridge, and Malcolm and another painter were at the time engaged in moving the scaffold upon which they were at work. The high tension wires are suspended about 4 feet above the top of the bridge and Malcolm's head came in contact with one of them.

The unfortunate man was hurled far out from the structure striking nothing in his descent until he plunged into the chilly waters of the river.

Hastening as quickly as possible, Contractor Ed Shelton and the other workmen rushed to the spot and found the body at the bottom of the stream where it had first struck the water. It never rose to the surface. The water was only about 3 feet deep, however, and they had no difficulty in recovering it, taking it to the shore.

Contractor Shelton obtained permission of Squire J. S. Croasen, of Geneva to remove the remains to Huntington, which he did on the afternoon freight car.

No inquest was considered necessary and the body was removed without an examination, but persons who handled it stated that it seemed every bone in it was broken, so limp did it appear. There was a horrible burn on the face and the flesh was turning black all over the body.

Malcolm was a single man having no parents. He has a sister residing in Guyandotte, with whom he boarded. He had been working for Mr. Shelton on this bridge since early in September, and the job would have been completed Monday at noon.

TEACHERS' PAYDAY

Will be Delayed This Month Because of Lack of Funds.

The wave of prosperity which was to sweep over the country immediately after the presidential election seems to be a little slow in reaching Frankfort. The Superintendent of Public Instruction has issued the following:

"Frankfort, Ky., Nov. 6, 1908. County Superintendents:—The payroll for next week will not be ready. Taxes are late. I hope to send checks soon. Will notify you."

Yours very truly,
J. G. Crabbe, S. P. I.

Made His Escape.

The NEWS learns from its Felix W. Va., correspondent that Joe Vinson was arrested while transferring whiskey across Tug to William Marcell. He was handcuffed, and while waiting for someone to get his hat his father and two or three brothers, assisted by Morris Bates, assisted him in making his escape from the officer.

On last Sunday was preached the funeral of Uncle M. Thompson, who died at his home in Little Blaine last July. A very large number assembled to pay respect to the memory of a good old man. The ministers participating were Mr. Williams, of that Circuit, William Copley and G. M. Copley.

The mystery surrounding the disappearance of Willis E. Smith, a student from the Kentucky University deepens, and a Pinkerton detective has arrived in Lexington to work on the case.

Thanksgiving Day.

Governor Willson has appointed Thursday, November Twenty-six as a day for thanksgiving and prayer. In part the proclamation is as follows:

By the custom of our fathers and in concord with the Thanksgiving proclamation of the President of the United States of America, and in the name of the Commonwealth of Kentucky and all its people, and for each and every soul of this Commonwealth, the Governor of Kentucky sets the day of prayer and thanksgiving to God on Thursday, November 26, 1908.

"No one is so poor or wretched that he hath not something to thank God for, and no one is so blessed that he doth not need to bow in prayer, and our people in their homes should pray earnestly for their relief from woes and wrongs as they should return earnest thanks for the many blessings granted unto us by Providence."

The T. M. & W.

Those who went from this and the lower part of the country to the District Conference at Inez had a surprise in store for them. At Peach Orchard they changed cars for the T. M. & W. Nine miles to Inez, over a very picturesque route. Their experience would be well worth listening to.

NEW RULES

In United States Court as to Deposit for Costs.

Lawyers and litigants in the United States Court in this district will be interested in the new rules just promulgated by Judge A. M. J. Cochran of Maysville, as to cash payments of costs in all suits.

Judge Cochran, in issuing the rules, does so in pursuance of the decisions of the Supreme Court. The new rule practically does away with giving bond for costs, and requires a cash deposit, when the suit is filed, to cover the costs.

In equity cases and cases at law a deposit of \$50 must be made when suit is filed. Where a case is removed from the State courts on motion of the defendant, the defendant must deposit \$25 in cash for costs, and when the plaintiff in such cases enters his appearance he must put up \$15. When a defendant enters his appearance separately he must put up \$5 cash, and when the defendants appear in a group \$10 must be deposited. Where there is a general appearance in a chancery case the defendants must put up and each separate defendant must put up \$10.

Under the old rule where a bond for costs would be given, the clerk of the court would frequently be required to pay out large sums of cash to the Government before the costs were paid to him, and thereby great hardships resulted frequently. At stated periods the clerk must pay over to the Government all the costs that his books show to be due, and it is no excuse for him to say that he has a bond for the costs but no money—he must come across with the cash to Uncle Sam.

In other words, the new rule is simply following the rule of the Postoffice and Revenue Departments—no credit given for anything. The Government will give no credit for stamps, revenue taxes, etc., and, in the future, will give no credit for court costs. This rule also applies to pending suits.

Episcopal Services.

The Rev. Francis Moore, of Ashland will preach at the M. E. church next Tuesday, Nov. 17, at 6:30 p. m. The service will be followed by the communion service. The public is cordially invited to attend.

While rabbit hunting at his home at Mayville, in Boyd county, Bud, the 16-year-old son of Deputy Sheriff Wm. Field, accidentally discharged the shotgun he was carrying. The discharge blew off one hand and badly injured the young man's face.

SPLASH DAM.

Big Sandy River to Have First Concrete Dam of This Type.

It is a well known fact that Big Sandy had the first slack-water dam in the United States and now she is to have the only known "Splash dam" in the world.

On the 6th inst. the Yellow Poplar Lumber Co. let to contract the erection of a splash dam to be built of concrete. This dam will be erected in the head of Sandy, on the south side of the Cumberland mountains just below the mouth of Pound River, in Virginia.

The dam will be 250 feet in length and 20 feet high, four feet of which will be stationary and 16 feet movable. The gates will be handled by an electric charge. The object of this dam is to carry logs through the Cumberland Canyon or what is more commonly known as the "Breaks of Sandy." This canyon is about six miles in length, and is a series of rocks and falls, with almost perpendicular rock walls on each side, many hundreds feet high.

Again Big Sandy has asserted herself when we say that a native born Big Sandian, a man born in Louisa, and who got his early training in the Old Masonic Academy, under the teachings of that once splendid teacher, Dr. G. W. Wroten, was the successful architect, and will have charge of the construction.

Sam Collier, of Paintsville, will have charge of the construction of the dam. John McDyer, engineer, designed it.

John McDyer, Engineer.

John McDyer, of Ashland, Big Sand, born and bred, and Louisa educated may well feel a justifiable pride in being the engineer who designed the unique dam described in the contributed article published above. He is a civil engineer of ability and note, doing credit to himself and honor to the county of his birth. He is but one of the many men of prominence in the business and professional world who when boys attended the old Masonic Academy. Dozens of merchants, lawyers and doctors, here and in other places, bear cheerful testimony to the high standing of that old time school.

Webbville

Dr. M. G. Watson was a visitor here last week.

F. R. Moore continues on the sick list. He and his good wife will go soon to visit Dr. Hudgins, where Mr. Moore will be under treatment.

Aunt Abby Peelington had a very painful but not serious fall, at her home a few days ago.

Monroe Webb was shaking hands with Webbville friends this week.

The boys will come home to vote, if for nothing else.

Archie Halte Principal of the Willard Normal attended Teachers' training class at Webbville last Sunday.

Colby Quisenberry was a Grayson visitor last week.

Uncle Flen Kitchen fell in his room Saturday and suffered a pain in the back from the fall. Uncle Flen is now 88 years old.

Buren Shortridge, from East Fork, was a visitor to the teachers' training class Sunday. Was very much delighted with this work and said he would return home and try to organize a class near home.

Quite a number of our people are attending the Frank Kelley trial at Grayson.

Green Perkins who has been very low with typhoid fever, is slightly improved.

Mrs. Roscoe Walters is visiting Mrs. J. D. and Curt Thompson.

Mrs. L. J. Webb and Mrs. Wm. Green were visiting at the home of Fred Stewart Saturday.

Mrs. John M. Kitchen has returned from a three weeks' visit in Cincinnati.

The little Mission Band at Webbville, are practicing for Mission day exercises which will be held Thanksgiving eve. They extend a welcome to all.

On December 4th and 5th the ladies of the M. E. Church South, will conduct a bazaar in the rooms over Nash and Herr's store.

Progressive Luncheon.

The "progressive luncheon" had its hit Ashland and is bound to strike Louisa. Several husbands are already shivering with apprehension. Briefly, Mrs. A. furnishes one course then the guests say "What a nice time we're having" and then go to Mrs. B's, who sets up the "second section. Then each exclaims, "Aint it lovely?" and then they order their automobiles and motor to Mrs. C's and then to Mrs. D's, who sets up the doxology. Then there's a grand chorus of "How perfectly lovely." And they all go home to tell their husbands that that ice cream at Mrs. D's was the next best stuff they ever ate.

TO DEMOCRATS.

Committeeman to be Chosen by Voters of Each Precinct Nov. 21st.

On Saturday, November 21, committeemen from every precinct in the State of Kentucky will be chosen by the Democratic voters of their respective precincts and a complete re-organization by counties made. At the last Democratic State convention, held in Lexington last June, new rules regarding the election of committeemen were adopted and the elections of next week will be under these rules, thus giving every voter a voice in the matter. The Central Committee, having the good of the party at heart, desire that all shall know the method by which the committeemen must be elected. The rules, pertaining to the election are given herewith.

In the voting precincts of all the counties there shall be elected by the Democratic voters in such precincts a committee of one member, who shall constitute the precinct committeeman of such precinct. In all State, district, legislative or county mass conventions the proceedings and election of committeemen shall be null and void if the chairman of said mass convention refuses to give tellers and have a count of the vote of those Democrats present, if said request for tellers is made, and upon the refusal of said chairman to give tellers and a count, the chairman so refusing shall be removed from his office by the State Central Committee upon proper proof so made to him.

Said precinct committeemen shall be elected on the third Saturday in November, 1908, and shall be residents of their respective precincts. The Democrats of this State shall meet at their various voting precincts at the hour of 2 p. m. and proceed to the election of a committeeman to serve until his successor shall be elected, by order of a succeeding State Convention. The retiring precinct committeemen shall call the respective precinct mass-meetings to order and shall preside until the mass-meeting shall elect a chairman. Where there is a vacancy in the office of precinct committeeman the chairman of the county committee shall designate some qualified Democrat living in the precinct to call said meeting to order and preside until the election of a chairman.

On the Monday following such election such precinct committeemen shall meet at their respective county seats; in counties having more than one legislative district they shall meet at some convenient place in their said legislative districts, to be designated by the respective county or legislative district chairman then in office, who shall preside and organize by electing a chairman and secretary to said county or legislative district committee, who may or may not be a member of said committee. In counties containing cities of the first-class these meetings and all other meetings of the precinct committeemen in the legislative district embracing that part of the county outside the city shall be held at the county courthouse, or at some convenient place designated by the chairman of the legislative district committee, of which due notice shall be given."

Mrs. J. H. Picklesimer and John Thompson and family, Geo. Picklesimer and wife and Milt Picklesimer and wife attended the funeral of Sam Thompson on Blaine Sunday a witness.

MIXED SCHOOLS

Cannot be Maintained in Kentucky Says U. S. Supreme Court.

The Supreme Court affirmed by a divided court, the decision of the Kentucky Court of Appeals in the case of Berea College vs. Kentucky. It was asserted that Berea College was violating the State law in permitting whites and blacks to be educated together. The college lost in the lower courts and now the Supreme Court affirms the decision of the lower courts.

In deciding the case favorably to the State, the Supreme Court of the United States held that the States in the Union may constitutionally legislate to prevent the co-education of the white and black races. The case was instituted to test the State law of 1904 prohibiting white and black children from attending the same schools. The higher State Court took the position that the white and black races are naturally antagonistic and that the enforced separation of the children of the two in the line of the preservation of the peace. The opinion of the Supreme Court was handed down by Justice Brewer and affirmed the finding of both the Kentucky Circuit Court and the Court of Appeals. Justice Harlan and Day assented.

Mattie

The Henry Clay Literary Society held its 10th session at the school house at this place last Friday night. It was one of the most important sessions yet held.

Alta Holbrook, of Louisa, passed up our creek, en route to Blaine.

Jack Luster, Carl Moore and several other Brushy boys attended the literary at this place Friday night.

John T. Moore was visiting relatives at Blaine last week.

W. T. Fugate, of Dry Ridge was one of the speakers at the literary Friday night.

John West Moore made a business visit to Hood last Saturday.

V. C. and A. T. Ball made a business trip to Louisa last week.

Thomps and Leo Berry were on our creek recently.

Miss Dovie France, of George's Creek, attended literary here last Friday night.

G. V. Ball has moved back to his old home at this place.

James K. Jordan was visiting on our creek recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Ball visited here recently.

Forest Johnson was visiting his uncle, D. B. Johnson at this place last week.

Rev. James Moore was on our creek this week.

Lock Moore was visiting our merchants in the interest of an Ashland firm.

Make a note now to get Ely's Cream Balm if you are troubled with nasal catarrh, hay fever or cold in the head. It is purifying and soothing to the sensitive membrane that lines the air-passages. It is made to overcome the disease, not to fool the patient by a short, deceptive relief. There is no cocaine or mercury in it. Do not be talked into taking a substitute for Ely's Cream Balm. All druggists sell it. Price 50c. Mailed by Ely Bros., 66 Warren street, New York.

For Railroad Extension.

It is said upon excellent authority that an Eastern syndicate has devoted five million dollars for the extensions of railroads in West Virginia. The project and places have attracted the attention of J. C. C. Mayo and he and Taylor Vinson, of Huntington, have gone to New York to investigate the matter.

Now on Trial.

Alonzo Kelley, charged with arson and the murder of the Cooper children, is now on trial in the Carter Circuit Court, M. S. Burns, prosecuting, and W. D. O'Neal defending. Sheriff R. A. Stone is attending as a witness.

Southern Bell's Election Service.

The Southern Bell Telephone Company very kindly gave the Big Sandy News free service on election night covering the election returns from all over the United States. By next year the company expects to be in position to give excellent service of this kind to its Big Sandy Valley subscribers on election night. This is a very enterprising move and will be greatly appreciated.

Gone To Texas.

Thomas Pickereil and wife left for Texas yesterday morning, to be gone at least a year and possibly longer. They go to Jack county, where they have a married daughter, Mrs. Julius Diamond, and Mont. a married son. These have prepared and furnished a home for their parents where they will probably find return to health.

Stricken With Paralysis.

Miss Cynthia Quinn, who is visiting the family of Thomas Brown, of Catlettsburg, was stricken with paralysis last Friday night, and for a long time her life was despaired of. For more than 24 hours she was entirely unconscious, but her many friends here will be glad to learn that Miss Quinn is much better, with a good chance for at least a partial return to health.

TWO DEATHS.

Accident and Suicide End Existence of Two Kentuckians.

John White, a young man about 18 years of age, met death at Ironton Saturday in one of the most horrible forms.

Young White, who recently came here from Kentucky, was employed here at the Superior Cement plant, and at about 9:30 o'clock this morning he got his foot caught in the conveyor which carries the cement away from the machine. His cries brought his fellow workman to him, but before he could be extricated from the machine his leg was ground off above the knee. He died the same night.

Brooding over ill health caused Mrs. R. Kirk, of Pocahontas county, W. Va., to go into the rear of her house and with a revolver kill herself.

For some time Mrs. Kirk had been in ill health and this is the only assignable reason for the deed. She was the wife of B. Kirk, a prominent timber dealer on the Greenbrier river. She also left three small boys and two little girls.

The body of Mrs. Kirk arrived here Sunday morning and was at the York House part of the day. It was taken to Grassland in the afternoon for interment.

With the corpse were only the husband and children and some near relatives of Mr. Kirk.—Catlettsburg Tribune.

Mrs. Kirk had relatives on Garner, in Boyd county.

Fire in the Country.

During the absence of the family the house of Henry Cochran was, with its contents, entirely destroyed by fire last Friday afternoon. The building was a well built, comfortable house, about five miles above Louisa. Mr. Cochran is a sober, worthy citizen upon whom such a loss bears heavily.

The fire started from a defective stove. Mrs. Cochran was some distance from the house, milking her cow, when she discovered the flames.

When Robert Hocker, the negro murderer of Drummond N. Neal, was informed that Gov. Willson had fixed Friday, December 4, as the date for his execution, the big black man expressed surprise that the Governor had selected such an early date, but said he was ready to go. "I would like to stand here until after Christmas," said Hocker.